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COMMITTEE ON OVERHEAD RECONNAISSANCE

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 429
Matomic Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 2:00 pm, 8 August 1961

PRESIDING

James Q. Reber
Chairman

MEMBERS PRESENT

Col. A. E. Smith, OSD
Col. J. E. Mahon, JCS
Col. D. D. Davis, OACSI
Capt. F. M. Murphy, ONI

Col. J. M. Winterbottom, AFCIN
[redacted] NSA
Mr. W. A. Tidwell, CIA

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CONSULTANTS PRESENT

Maj. J. D. Bowlby, OACSI
Lt. Cdr. R. E. Pyle, ONI
Lt. Col. K. R. Duncan, AFCIN

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Priority for CORONA vs. ARGON
(Ref: COMOR-M-39, paras 4 & 5)

1. The COMOR returned to the discussion initiated at the last meeting (see reference).

2. The COMOR requested the Chairman to transmit the following views to Mr. Kiefer of DPD who had initiated the inquiry to COMOR:

3. COMOR reaffirms its need for satellite photography which will provide information on missile deployment and activities, as a highest priority matter. It recognizes that the Intelligence Community also is in serious need for geodetic control data obtainable from presently planned satellite photography.

4. The COMOR concurs in the present CORONA-ARGON schedule set forth in your memorandum.

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[REDACTED]

Requirement for Photographic Coverage of Southeast Asia
(Ref: COMOR-M-39, para 8)

5. The COMOR approved a draft memorandum reporting its views to Colonel Boucher for his use with the Ad Hoc Collection Committee on Southeast Asia. This document has now been transmitted to Colonel Boucher and distributed to the COMOR members as COMOR-D-25/3.

Plans for Indochina Coverage

6. [REDACTED] informed the COMOR that Operations was about to accomplish a TALENT mission over North Vietnam and Laos, not, however, to overfly Communist China.

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7. The COMOR understands that

a. The film will be processed at URPIC-Y with rapid reporting both to the theater and ZI in accordance with standing procedures (USAF will alert URPIC-Y).

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[REDACTED]

d. Upon receipt of the materials in Washington NPIC will, in accordance with standing procedure, consult the members with regard to their needs for duplicate materials.

Reproduction Problems with C-Triple Prime

8. [REDACTED] reported that a new printer was being used with the C-Triple Prime in order to preserve maximum resolution. Since there was only one machine available at the factory and since it operated at a slower rate of speed, there would be a longer time required to reproduce the copies of the film for the members than in previous KH (RUFF) missions. He

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requested advice from the COMOR as to whether they would prefer to put up with the delay or to have the C-Triple Prime processed at lower quality with the old printers. The COMOR confirmed its long-standing view that quality was of greatest importance and especially in the case of satellite photography. The COMOR also stated, in response to inquiry, that in its view the acquisition of the new-type printers in order to achieve the speed of reproduction hereto accomplished was highly desirable.

JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman

Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance

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